

For the first time since beginning the process of delineating the ALB infestation in Middlesex and Union Counties, two infested trees were found in the City of Linden. Also, one additional infested tree was found in the Avenel section of Woodbridge Township, on the grounds of the administrative offices of Rahway State Prison. The three infested trees found this week bring the total detected to 409.

Linden borders directly to the north of the Borough of Carteret. The first tree found, confirmed infested Friday, October 29, is located near the Linden Landfill. The second tree, discovered Sunday, October 31, was found by the Linden Humane Society, about ¼ mile west of the first tree. These two trees now mark the northern boundary of the Middlesex/Union infestation. The third infested tree was found on Thursday, November 4, on the Rahway Prison property in Woodbridge. It is a 20-foot red maple with at least 20 egg sites and three exit holes. This tree now marks the new western boundary of the infestation, 1/4 mile from the previous western boundary.

Field surveys continued this week with more than 31,000 trees inspected to date. The entire quarantine zone is 10.5 square miles. Four new compliance agreements were issued this week for a total of 59. Twenty-four USFS climbers, one NJ Department of Agriculture climber, and 30 program personnel from PPQ, NJ Department of Agriculture, NJ Forestry, and USDA Grain and Tobacco are performing survey and regulatory activities.

Additional public outreach efforts are being planned for Carteret and Woodbridge, tentatively scheduled for the week of November 22, as the first phase of tree removal is slated to begin November 29. All 409 infested trees within the core are targeted for removal during this phase.

Barry Emens, NJ ALB Project Director USDA APHIS PPQ, received the "Green Community Award," one of four individual awards given by the New Jersey Shade Tree Commission. NJ State Forestry also was recognized by the Commission, receiving the "Green Community Group Award." The awards were presented during the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation's annual meeting in Cherry Hill, October 28-29. Also attending the meeting were Diane Leonard, PPQ Technician with the ALB NJ Program, and Rosa Yoo, NJ Forestry/ALB Outreach coordinator, who maintained an ALB information booth. The booth drew a lot of attention during the two-day meeting. Many communities from NJ involved with forestry programs attended this meeting.

With the addition of New Jersey's *Star-Ledger*, the ALB fall media campaign "Don't Move Firewood" is now running in 48 publications in New Jersey, New York and Illinois, with an advertising circulation that could potentially reach more than 10.6 million people.